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EACH MAN HIS OWN LADDER

A few years ago when they set up a machine and photographed the bony structure of a living man it seemed that they had gone far enough. But now it is an everyday thing to photograph the human voice, or the noise of an automobile gear, or a current of electricity. The movies have explained these wonders, and they are commonplace enough.

What they suggest to the thoughtful is that progress is very swift. Not so many years ago General Garfield was opposed for reelection to congress because he voted for an appropriation to build an experimental telegraph line. It is only recently that we have come to recognize nothing is impossible. In the age of man, Lincoln lived but yesterday. Yet when one reads a life of Lincoln and realizes what was lacking then for human comfort that is ordinary now he ponders in vain to understand what men

were doing down through all the ages, and marvels at the progress of our day.

One does not need to sit by now and wait like a Micawber for something to turn up. The process is continuous, the progress shows runs day and night. What he needs to do is to speed up his thinking, and overtake the procession. What science does in the laboratory every man may do in his own affairs. He needs only to define his goal and drive toward it.

It might not be that there is a top rung for every man. If the first ambition turned in each. But it is the case that enough are satisfied to be merely the workers in the hive to allow room for all who elect for themselves a position to command. For every man who does aspire there is satisfaction in the idea that he is his own ladder, to mount it as he wills.

RING DOWN THE CURTAIN

The curtain has at last fallen upon the sanguinary and somewhat exasperating farce of Fiume. The whole affair illustrates the dangers of sweeping and doctrinaire generalizations in politics, and the truth that the "masses" as well as the "ruling classes" may become poisoned with the predatory impulses.

The Italian cabinet of 1915 knew perfectly well that Italy had no reasonable claim either to Fiume or to the adjacent Dalmatian coast. The compact with France and Britain under which Italy came into the war did not assign Fiume to Italy as a reward of victory over Austria. And Austria was helped to fight on by the resentment of the Croats and Slovenes over the attempt of outsiders to dispose of their Adriatic coast.

Italian politicians forgot how much their country owed to Serbian sacrifices in the common cause. They refused a fair division of the two great ports at the head of the Adriatic, and sowed the seeds of a furious "heroic" of D'Annunzio.

THE POWER OF 15 PER CENT

The question, "Why must the consumer always be the goat?" is frequently heard in discussions over prices, their fairness, and legislative or other measures to put them down or hold them up. Well, the answer is that the consumers need not be, if enough of them resolve to throw up the part.

The New York World editorially affirms that the present condition there of the garment trade, within the last six months "dragged from the peak of prosperity by a consumers' strike and plunged into the depths of loss and hardship to workers," points the lesson that "the

LIKE BAD COMPANY COMPANY

The motorist who maims and runs away is reminded by a popular moralist that though he may escape legal consequences he "still has himself to live with." That's true, but it is also true that some people are always good company for themselves, and others seem to have a

PRESENT MEMORIAL TO THE BRAZILIANS

(By Associated Press)

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 4.—Presentation by the people of the United States of a suitable memorial to Brazil during this country's centennial celebration of independence in 1922 is proposed by North Americans residing in Rio de Janeiro. For this purpose committees have been formed and letters setting forth the plan will be sent to 20,000 persons and associations in the United States.

The North American Chamber of Commerce and the United States Patriotic society in Brazil have taken the initiative in the movement. They have requested co-operation from similar bodies in Sao Paulo, Santos, Pernambuco and Bahia.

English, French, Portuguese and colonies in Brazil of other European nations are also planning for similar presentations as in Buenos Aires when Argentina's centennial was celebrated two years ago.

NOW MAKING BRICKS COMPRESSED STRAW

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Jan. 4.—A French textile expert claims that he has invented a process for making bricks from compressed straw. He is searching for funds to prove that he is no idle dreamer and can relieve the present housing crisis by building houses.

He says owing to the slight weight of the material there is no need for deep foundations and the whole building can be completed in a month. It is affirmed that the straw preparation is not inflammable. The first house has already been built in Montargis.

Perhaps the new year, among other blessings, may bring us relief from the spectacle of the duck-fits of a lot of editors over the imaginary danger of congressional enactment of anything in the nature of "the Puritan Sunday."

REMARKABLE RESULTS STATE PARK CREATION

(By Associated Press)

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 4.—Iowa has achieved such remarkable results in state park creation and development that the first National Conference on Parks is to be held here January 10-12 under the auspices of the department of the interior and the state of Iowa. Experts from every state will be present to discuss park problems and incidentally to learn how Iowa has been able to do so much.

Ninety-seven out of every 100 acres in Iowa are capable of cultivation, according to official statistics, leaving only three per cent of parkable land. That three per cent, however, contains some interesting outdoor things. The Indian mounds, for instance, several hundred of which are scattered over the state, are in a minor way to the United States what the pyramids are to Egypt, relics of an ancient civilization. About 50 of the mounds are within the state parks, while the others will be included in the parks to be laid out in the future. Some of them have been despoiled for their treasures of pottery, beads and lighting implements, but many remain intact and officials of the Iowa Historical society hope some day to have an adequate collection of the utensils which the first Americans used in their every-day life.

The ice caves of Iowa are another interesting part of its park system. They owe their existence, probably, to those prehistoric seas which once covered this territory. They are found in limestone regions, where the rock is porous. In the winter these cavities store up cold air. When summer comes and the corn begins to grow under the impulse of a burning sun, the frigid air escapes slowly, coating the mouth of the caves with rime and frost.

These caves in turn give rise to one of the most interesting botanical phenomena of this country—the survival in Iowa of trees and flowers that have their normal range far to the north. While Iowa swelters, the temperature of the soil on the rocks near the caves remains at 50 to 55 degrees and there frequently grow the balsam fir of the north woods and the aspen or monk's hood of the mountains. In Iowa parks may be seen the most southwestern distribution of white pine in the United States, while in western Iowa are found arid plants commonly associated with the desert and high mountain plateaus of the far west.

Many other states doubtless could provide equally good attractions for parks at home, and that is what the National Conference on Parks service is for. Stephen T. Mather, director of the National Park service, will be here to discuss the work of the national parks, while others will tell of state park work, notably Dr. L. H. Pammel, chairman of the Iowa Conservation board, who will explain how Iowa accomplished its difficulties.

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ATTEMPT TO LOWER DINING CAR CHARGE

CARSON CITY, Jan. 4.—At a recent meeting of the Public Service commission of Nevada the intrastate passenger fare case was continued at the request of counsel to March 1, 1921. The citation in this case requires the Southern Pacific company, the Western Pacific Railroad company and the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad company to show why their fares should not be reduced to a three-cent base and why their dining car charges should not be lowered.

The railroads throughout the United States have joined in a tariff advancing the special fares to clerical to two-thirds of the one-way fare. Heretofore clericalmen have been given a reduction of 50 per cent. The new tariff has been filed with the Public Service commission of Nevada.

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